

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-6 are pending. No amendments are made. In view of the attached terminal disclaimers, reconsideration is requested.

DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 1-3, 5 and 6 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 10, 13-15, 17, 19, 28-29, and 33-35 of copending Application No. 10/220,999, now patent 7912651.

Claims 1-3, 5 and 6 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 17 and 19-22 of copending Application No. 10/716,349.

Claims 1-3, 5 and 6 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 4-8 and 13-14 of copending Application No. 10/856,564, now patent 7908089.

Applicants submit herewith the appropriate terminal disclaimers, and request withdrawal of the rejection accordingly.


CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number SEEK-009.

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